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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 08, 2002, Applicants submit this response and accompanying petition for extension of time and fee. Applicants would like to thank Examiner [illegible] for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephonic interview dated August 23, 2002.

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In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 14, 15, 17, and 18. Please add new claims 23-34.

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1. (Twice amended) A method for screening for the presence of a clinically relevant amount of bacteria in donor blood or blood product from a donor mammal for transfer into a recipient mammal, comprising: contacting a sample of the donor blood or blood product with a set of

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